

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong displeasure with the proposed changes to the FCC guidelines. Over the years I have watched as content has become more and more relaxed and more and more degenerate. I have heard that the reasoning for this is that "the FCC is simply reflecting society's values." I would propose that the FCC, and entertainment in general, is driving society's values. At the present levels, I am already concerned enough with what is reflected on the television that my family has resorted only to DVDs and special programs for entertainment, as opposed to what comes over the airwaves.

With my current family entertainment practices, these relaxed changes would not directly impact my family's entertainment, but where it will impact my family and society as a whole is even more alarming. The moral fabric of individual families is the foundation of the moral fabric of society as a whole, and if you don't think that it has an impact, simply observe the upward trends over the last 20 years in violence, single parent families, drug use, teenage pregnancies, and the list goes on and on. All of these things are very reflective of the moral breakdown of our society.

I would propose that entertainment has a DIRECT impact and influence on the morals and values that are driving many, if not most of the ills of our society. If the FCC allows the continued "relaxation" of these guidelines, I feel that the impact on our society will be enormous, and not just have an effect morally, but economically, criminally, and in many areas that we have not yet begun to imagine.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider this decision, and rather than helping broadcast networks pursue the almighty dollar, instead pause and take a moment to consider the irreversible ramifications this decision will have on society, and therefore all of us as a whole. I sincerely hope that the FCC decision makers will take this decision very seriously and with a heavy weight of responsibility, for the decision you make today will have long lasting consequences for decades, if not centuries to come.

Sincerely,

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